

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 7, lines 5-17 with the following amended paragraph:

An exemplary wireless communications network 100 that incorporates embodiments of the present invention is illustrated in FIG. 1. The exemplary wireless communications network 100 incorporates a number of service areas, such as Area A 140, Area B 160 and Area C 180. Each area in this exemplary embodiment has at least one wireless communications base station, such as base station A 142, base station B 144 and base station C 146 that are within Area A 140. These base stations are in wireless communications with portable communications devices that are within their associated area and coverage, such as Radio A 148 and Radio B 150 that are shown to be within Area A 140 in this example. As another example, Area B 160 can include base station A 162, base station B 164 and base station C 166, which can communicate with Radio A 168 and Radio B 170. In yet another example, Area C 180 can include base station A182, which can communicate with Radio A 184. The areas are alternatively able to be defined in a number of ways, such as by area code, postal ZIP code, time zone, cellular tower, network identification or by a range of geographical coordinates.

Please replace the paragraph on page 21, line 16 – page 22, line 18 with the following paragraph:

A processing flow diagram for entering a user-initiated extended operating mode 600 as is used by an exemplary embodiment of the present invention is illustrated in FIG. 6. The exemplary embodiment of the present invention allows a user to initiate the

change of the operating mode of the portable electronic device into an extended operating, i.e., low power[[,]] mode. The user performs this processing, for example, when the user has an abnormal or emergency situation that requires an extended power mode. As a specific example, the user may be on a kayak in the ocean that has been taken farther out into the ocean and the user cannot get back to shore because of adverse ocean currents. In this exemplary case, the user initiates, at step 610, the extended power mode. The device prompts, at step 615, the user with a list of profiles that are stored in the device. These profiles are stored in the device by being previously configured by the user, installed at the factory or by being previously received through over the air programming. The user selects, at step 620, the most appropriate profile. In this example, the user selects the highest priority extended power profile. The highest priority extended power profile in this example is defined as the "emergency profile" and results in maximum power savings. The processing then determines, at step 625, if the user has selected the emergency profile. If it is determined that the user selected the emergency profile, the processing sends, at step 630, to a central server 115 or other location, a notification that contains user identification, contact information and the current location of the portable device. Once the transmission of the emergency notification is completed or if the user selected another low power non-emergency profile, the mobile processing device then implements, at step 635, the selected extended power mode profile.